

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The claims have been amended to delete the non-elected subject matter. Claim 1 has also been amended to clarify that one Q is C-R⁵. That is explicitly stated in formula A of Claim 1 as originally filed. No new matter is believed to have been added to this application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 and 14-124 are now pending.

Applicants elect Group VII, i.e., compounds wherein the ring containing Q is phenyl, with traverse.

Restriction is only proper when the Examiner would be seriously burdened in the absence of restriction. See MPEP §803. In the present case, the Office has not met its burden of demonstrating that the Examiner would be seriously burdened by examining all of the claims without restriction. Accordingly, the Restriction Requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

Referring to paragraph (5) of the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, Claim 87 for initial examination purposes only. Applicants note the rejoinder provisions of MPEP §821.04. Claims 88-116, directed to methods, and Claims 86, 117, and 118, directed to compositions, each depend directly or indirectly from Claim 1. Therefore, upon the allowance of Claim 1, Claims 86 and 88-117 should be rejoined with the elected claims.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

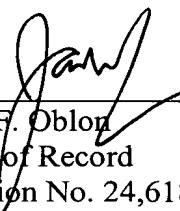
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